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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

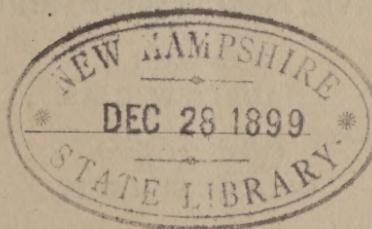
—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

Town of Plaistow

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.



EXETER, N. H.:
THE GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.
1882.

OFFICERS BIENNIALLY ELECTED.

Representative to General Court.

THOMAS J. NICHOLS.

Supervisors of Check List.

GEORGE SUMNER, JOHN BRADLEY, JOHN H.
NOYES.

OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY.

Town Clerk.

MOSES KIMBALL.

Selectmen.

JAMES M. DAVIS, ISAAC HALL, DANIEL PEASLEE.

Treasurer.

CHARLES W. CASS.

Collector of Taxes.

GEORGE SUMNER.

Superintending School Committee.

MISS ANNIE L. DOW.

Constable.

DANIEL S. PEASLEE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

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| Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881, | \$903 74 |
| Rec'd of F. W. Shannon, collector of 1880, | 552 85 |
| George Sumner, " 1881, | 4942 30 |
| J. M. Davis, for use of town hall, | 11 00 |
| G. Harris, old bridge plank, | 75 |
| H. H. Cheney, tax and interest of W. H. Flanders, tax of 1879, bought by the town, | 27 85 |
| Town of Plaistow, tax and interest of Daniel S. Peaslee, bought by the town, | 42 53 |
| H. H. Cheney, on tax of 1878, " " 1879, | 21 03 |
| Interest on taxes of 1878, " 1879, | 22 40 |
| 5 4 | |
| " 1879, | 1 00 |
| S. B. and Wm. H. Thompson, on account of burial of Isaac B. Thompson, | 25 00 |
| State railroad tax, | 130 20 |
| Savings bank tax, | 51 53 |
| Literary fund money, | 61 92 |
| County of Rockingham on account of paupers, | 214 91 |
| J. E. George, old plank and stringers, | 1 50 |
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| | \$7015 97 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paying town bonds, | 1200 00 |
| Coupons on town bonds, | 675 00 |
| Interest on bonds overdue, | 122 41 |
| Selectmen's orders, | 4926 12 |
| Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1882, | 92 44 |
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| | \$7015 97 |

ABATEMENTS.

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| H. H. Cheney's book, 1878. | |
| Arthur H. Bradley, moved out town, | 1 56 |
| Bailey & Noyes, error in taxation, | 14 51 |
| H. H. Cheney's book, 1879. | |
| Alfred Kelly, Jr., poor, and unable to pay, | 2 28 |
| George Summer's book 1881. | |
| Hiram Smart's heirs, wood cut off, and Selectmen not notified, | 2 73 |
| John Moulton, error in taxation, | 76 |
| Moses C. Kimball's heirs, error in making non-resi- dent highway tax, | 2 85 |
| Joseph Kimball, error in making non-resident high- way tax, | 11 |
| John N. Sleeper, dog died, | 1 00 |
| N. H. Clark, dog died, | 1 00 |
| Justin W. Badger, no dog April 1st, | 2 00 |
| | ----- |
| | \$28 80 |

H. H. CHENEY, Collector, 1878.

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| DR. To uncollected taxes, 1878, | 38 88 |
| CR. By paying town treasurer, | 22 81 |
| Abatements, | 16 07 |
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| | 38 88 |

H. H. CHENEY, Collector, 1879.

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| DR. To uncollected taxes, 1879. | 38 85 |
| CR. By paying town treasurer, | 20 62 |
| Abatements, | 2 28 |
| Balance due the town, | 15 95 |
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| | 38 85 |

F. W. SHANNON, Collector, 1880.

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| DR. To uncollected taxas. | 669 71 |
| CR. By cash paid town treasurer, | 552 85 |
| Taxes bought by the town, | 94 17 |
| Balance due the town, | 22 69 |
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| | 669 71 |

GEORGE SUMNER, Collector, 1881.

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| DR. To taxes committed for collection, | |
| State tax, | 932 00 |
| County tax, | 1393 20 |
| Town tax, | 2500 00 |
| School tax, | 815 50 |
| Non-resident highway tax, | 155 40 |
| School house tax, Dist. No. 1, | 60 00 |
| School and School house tax, Dist. | |
| No. 4, | 65 00 |
| Dog tax, | 46 00 |
| Overlaid, | 45 92 |
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| Cr. By paying town treasurer, | 4942 30 |
| Non-resident highway receipts | |
| worked out, | 53 50 |
| Abatements, | 10 45 |
| Balance due the town, | 1006 77 |
| | ————— |
| | \$6013 02 |

SCHOOL AND SCHOOL HOUSE MONEY.

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| Dist. No. 1. Due dist. March 1, 1881, | \$14 40 |
| Amount assigned 1882, school | |
| and school house tax, | 312 59 |
| | ————— |
| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | \$326 99 |
| Dist. No. 2. Due dist. March 1, 1881, | \$1 10 |
| Amount assigned 1882, | 174 65 |
| | ————— |
| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | \$175 75 |
| Dist. No. 3. Due dist. March 1, 1881, | \$175 75 |
| School money, | 132 84 |
| School house tax, | 2 23 |
| Amount assigned 1882, | 344 75 |
| | ————— |
| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | \$479 82 |
| Dist. No. 4. Due dist. March 1, 1881, | 479 82 |
| School money, | 36 |
| School house tax, | 11 43 |
| Amount assigned 1882, school and | |
| school house tax, | 222 41 |
| | ————— |
| Orders drawn on Treasurer, | \$234 20 |
| | 234 20 |

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

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|----------------------------------|-----|---------|
| N. A. Wentworth, District No. 1, | | 12 34 |
| H. H. Cheney, " | 2, | 7 35 |
| John Bradley, " | 3, | 9 09 |
| Walter E. Peaslee, " | 4, | 16 35 |
| Isaac P. Pollard, " | 5, | 10 01 |
| Cyrus Holt, " | 6, | 5 97 |
| George F. Battles, " | 7, | 10 67 |
| George Sumner, " | 8, | 11 64 |
| A. F. Simonds, " | 10, | 3 30 |
| Leonard Johnson, " | 11, | 5 10 |
| | | _____ |
| | | \$91 77 |

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

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|---------------------|----------|
| John W. Kelly, | 7 80 |
| John W. Judkins, | 12 99 |
| Moses Stevens, | 38 12 |
| Isaac B. Thompson, | 40 66 |
| Mrs. Geo. W. Kelly, | 78 00 |
| Addie Buzzell, | 78 00 |
| | _____ |
| | \$255 57 |

TAXES.

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| Paid State tax, | 932 00 |
| County tax, | 1393 20 |
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| | \$2325 20 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

CLARKE'S BRIDGE.

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| Paid Wadleigh Brothers, drawing stringers and plank, | \$11 00 |
| S. C. Loverin, culling plank, hewing stringers, and work on bridge, | 3 50 |
| M. Ober, cutting stringers, | 75 |
| A. C. Clement, 1000 feet timber for stringers, | 10 00 |
| One days work on bridge, | 2 50 |
| Wm. Judson, 1 days work, | 1 50 |
| Gilman Harris, 1 days work, | 2 00 |
| J. M. Davis, time getting stringers, getting them cut, and work hewing same, | 1 75 |
| Time culling plank and getting them drawn, | 50 |
| Time and team to Haverhill, to get spikes, and work on bridge, | 1 50 |
| Daniel Peaslee, oxen and man 1 day, | 3 00 |
| " work and lumber, | 1 50 |
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| | \$39 50 |

POLLARD'S BRIDGE.

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| Paid Daniel Peaslee, 2168 feet plank, \$20, M., | \$43 36 |
| 2796 feet timber for stringers, \$18, M., | 50 32 |
| 7 days work, men and oxen, | 12 00 |
| Wadleigh Brothers, drawing stringers, | 24 00 |
| A. C. Clement, 2 days work on bridge, | 5 00 |
| Gilman Harris, 2 " " | 4 00 |
| Giles Cheney, spiking bridge, | 15 |
| J. M. Davis, repairing bridge different times, and work taking up and putting down bridge, | 2 00 |
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| | \$140 83 |

WELCH BRIDGE.

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| Paid Daniel Peaslee, for 3517 feet plank and timber, \$20, M., | \$70 34 |
| 5 days work, men and oxen, | 8 75 |
| E. N. Greenough, 567 feet plank, \$15, M., | 8 50 |
| Isaac Hall, 3 days work on bridge, | 600 |
| One-half days work horse, grading up bridge, 68 feet plank, | 1 02 |
| N. Hall, 3 days work on bridge, | 4 50 |
| H. H. Cheney, 1½ days work on bridge, | 2 62 |
| H. H. Cheney, repairing bridge, | 1 58 |
| A. Foisey, staples for bridge, | 1 00 |
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| | \$104 81 |

HARRIMANS' BRIDGE.

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| Paid Isaac Hall, one-half day repairing bridge, | \$1 00 |
| One hundred and thirty feet of plank, | 3 90 |
| One-half day, self, man and horse laying over bridge, | 2 25 |
| N. Hall, one-half day repairing bridge, | 75 |
| D. D. Chase & Son, 1635 feet plank, | 28 16 |
| J. M. Davis, time, self and horse to Haverhill to buy plank and get spikes for bridge, | 1 00 |
| Giles Cheney, spiking bridge, | 15 |
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| | \$37 21 |

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| Paid J. M. Davis, time and lumber, repairing Godkin bridge, | 50 |
| Time and lumber, repairing bridge near Daniel Eaton's, | 1 52 |
| M. Kimball, 4 lbs. spikes, | 16 |
| H. H. Cheney, land to widen road, | 5 00 |
| I. H. Pollard, repairing highway, | 2 47 |
| | _____ |
| | \$9 65 |

SNOW PATHS.

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|--------------------|----------|
| N. A. Wentworth, | \$10 00 |
| H. H. Cheney, | 20 10 |
| John Bradley, | 10 74 |
| Walter E. Peaslee, | 28 02 |
| I. H. Pollard, | 13 57 |
| Cyrus Holt, | 13 59 |
| G. F. Battles, | 20 10 |
| George Sumner, | 24 09 |
| James E. Peaslee, | 26 32 |
| A. F. Simonds, | 12 04 |
| Leonard Johnson, | 24 52 |
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| | \$203 03 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Wingate & Shaw, printing reports, 1880, | \$18 00 |
| H. B. Carter, printing treasurer's receipts, | 1 50 |
| J. Mandeville, printing bill heads, | 1 75 |
| J. M. Davis, expense to Exeter to settle with County Commissioners, | 1 20 |
| J. M. Davis, perambulating line between Atkinson and Plaistow, | 2 00 |
| Isaac Hall, perambulating line between Atkinson and Plaistow, | 2 00 |
| Wm. H. Hills, perambulating line, and writing re- ports, | 4 00 |
| Geo. E. Lane, record book for Town Clerk, | 4 00 |
| “ “ “ ” | 6 00 |
| Blank books and town warrants, | 4 39 |
| J. M. Davis, bounty paid on hawks, etc., | 2 00 |
| Express, stationary, and postage, | 1 11 |

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| J. M. Davis, Fare to Exeter twice to pay County tax, and get record and collectors books, | 1 40 |
| Fare and expense to Concord to pay State tax, | 3 90 |
| E. C. Eastman, order book for town, | 1 50 |
| Moses Kimball, on tax of Andrew Johnson, | 6 00 |
| R. A. Crittenden, returning births and deaths, | 2 25 |
| Cyrus Holt, on dog tax of 1880, | 1 00 |
| | ----- |
| | \$64 00 |

ON ACCOUNT OF POUND.

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| Paid Daniel Peaslee, 10 posts, 540 feet, | \$21 60 |
| Isaac Hall, work, | 7 00 |
| Lumber, | 5 32 |
| 28 pounds nails, | 1 12 |
| J. M. Davis, hanging gate, and cash paid M. B. Dow, for work and fixing gate irons, | 1 25 |
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| | \$36 29 |

SAVINGS BANK TAX.

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| Savings Bank tax, 1879, | \$208 93 |
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TOWN OFFICERS.

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| Moses Kimball, services as Town Clerk, | \$20 00 |
| C. W. Cass, " Treasurer, | 20 00 |

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| Annie L. Dow, | " | S. S. Committee, etc., | 20 50 |
| F. W. Shannon, | " | Collector, 1880, | 11 27 |
| H. H. Cheney, | " | Collector, 1878 and 1879, | 86 |
| J. M. Davis, | " | Selectmen, | 75 00 |
| Isaac Hall, | " | " | 20 00 |
| Daniel Peaslee, | " | " | 20 00 |
| | | | ----- |
| | | | \$187 63 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

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| Due on Town Bonds, | | \$11200 00 |
| " Coupons, | | 300 00 |
| " Interest on Bonds overdue, | | 42 00 |
| Balance of dog tax, | | 22 00 |
| Due George Sumner, collecting, 4942 30, | | 86 49 |
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| | | \$11650 49 |

ASSETS.

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| Due from H. H. Cheney, Collector 1879, | | \$15 95 |
| " F. W. Shannon, " 1880, | | 22 69 |
| " Taxes, costs and interest | | |
| on property bought by | | |
| the town, | | 128 59 |
| " George Sumner, Collector 1881, | | 1006 77 |
| " Cash in Treasury, | | 92 44 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$1266 44 |
| Balance against the Town, March 1, 1882, | | \$11650 49 |

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ACCOUNT OF PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES AND
BOUGHT BY THE TOWN.

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| Nathaniel Hall, amount of taxes and interest, | \$7 44 |
| Eliza A. Flanders, | 3 85 |
| Daniel S. Peaslee, | 52 06 |
| Ann M Cifre, | 20 14 |
| Heirs of George Dow, | 14 97 |
| “ Reuben Peaslee, | 30 13 |
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| | \$128 59 |

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DAVIS, } Selectmen
ISAAC HALL, } of
DANIEL PEASLEE, } Plaistow.

THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

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DISTRICT No. 1.

N. A. WENTWORTH, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS HATTIE J. BRADLEY, *teacher for the Summer and Fall terms.*

This school always appeared well, at all times when visited by your Committee. We were pleased with the manner of teaching. There was no attempt to display, but there was much that was quiet, sensible and practical in the means employed, and it seemed evident that good progress had been made in the different branches taught.

The pupils in this school are much interested in writing and during the past three years have made much improvement in this important branch of education.

The winter term of eight weeks was taught by your Committee. We think that good progress in study was made by nearly all the scholars. There were twenty-nine

weeks of school in this district, ten in the summer, eleven in the fall and eight in the winter. The whole number of pupils was 32. All attended to Reading and Spelling, 13 to Penmanship, 12 to Arithmetic, 13 to Geography, 8 to Grammar, and in winter 2 to History.

Names of scholars not absent or tardy, Hattie E. Denoncour, Lizzie Kelleher, Daniel Kelleher and S. Henry Steel.

DISTRICT No. 2.

ISAAC H. POLLARD, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS CORA B. POLLARD, *teacher for the year.*

The number of children in this district has diminished, so that the school is somewhat smaller in numbers than formerly. Miss Pollard's scholars were very quiet and orderly in their deportment and it was evident in their recitations that their lessons had been carefully and thoroughly studied. Both of the closing examinations were very pleasant and gave evidence of good work on the part of both teacher and pupils.

There were twenty-five weeks of school, ten in the summer, and fifteen in the autumn and winter. All the scholars attended to Reading and Spelling, 13 to Writing, 13 to Arithmetic, 8 to Geography, 5 to Grammar, and 1 to History.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy., 1st term Rosa G. Harris, Eliza A. Austin, and Ashley H. George, 2nd term Nellie L. Hadley, Rosa G. Harris, and Clara A Page.

DISTRICT No. 3.

J. M. QUIMBY, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS HELEN F. MERRILL, *teacher for the summer.*

Miss Merrill was naturally a rigid disciplinarian and the school bore evidence of the fact. All may not have approved of some of her methods, but the discipline was there, and the school at its closing examination made a very fine appearance. Miss Merrill was ambitious in regard to her school and thought in a second term, to correct any defects of the first, but her health failed, and death soon closed all her earthly labors.

Miss Luella Crockett succeeded as teacher of the fall term. Miss Crockett labored faithfully and conscientiously we have no doubt, but there seemed to be a gradual falling off of interest in the school, and during the winter, the teacher becoming over-wearied with her labors, the school came to a sudden termination. Miss Crockett was succeeded by Miss Stella M. George who is at present (February 28,) teaching the school, with favorable indications of success. There were eleven weeks of school in the summer, nine in the autumn and we believe it is intended to have thirteen in the winter. The whole number of pupils have been 55. All have attended to Reading and Spelling, 29 to Writing, 36 to Arithmetic, 18 to Geography, 11 to Grammar, 3 to History, 2 to Algebra and 1 to Astronomy.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy. Summer term, Mattie Davis, Elvira Badger, Daisy Hills, Maud Sleeper, Vesta Sleeper, Eugene P. Davis, Frank Davis, George Gates, Clarence Kimball, Frank Quimby, George Seaver, Bertie Williams, Henry Williams, and Harvey Ray. Fall term, Henry Williams, Bertie Williams, and Elvira Badger.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

CHARLES H. DAY, *Prudential Committee.*

Mr. Charles R. Brickett taught the summer term of this school, with his usual happy success. Owing to Mr. Brickett's ill health the term was a short one, and for the same reason he did not return in the autumn, much to the regret of his numerous friends.

Miss Nellie G. Day succeeded as teacher for the fall term. This was Miss Day's first school. She was young, ambitious and well educated, and entered the field with a commendable degree of interest.

At the close of the school, a goodly number of parents and friends were present. Many of the classes did themselves much credit. We think that any defects in this school can be attributed to want of experience on the part of the teacher. Miss Day being called to take charge of another school, Mr. George E. Emerson succeeded as teacher for the winter term. For several good reasons, this school was not visited by your Committee. Mr. Emerson is well educated, and he, together with the Prudential Committee report that good discipline was maintained through the term. For some cause, there seems to have been a want of interest in the school and the attendance was small.

There were eight weeks of school in the summer, eleven in the fall, and seven in the winter; the whole number of pupils was thirty. All attending to Reading and Spelling; 20 to Writing; 18 to Arithmetic; 14 to Geography; 5 to Grammar; 1 to History; 2 to Composition; 1 to Philosophy.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy. 1st term, Mary Bly, Anna B. Hill, Gertie E. Simonds, William F. Hill; 2nd term, Gertie E. Simonds.

The whole number of scholars in all the schools attending not less than two weeks has been one hundred

and thirty-seven, eighty-five boys and fifty-two girls. It is not known that there are any between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one who cannot read and write.

Our schools have as a whole contended with more difficulties than usual the past year. There has been a frequent change of teachers in some districts, Nos. 3 and 4 having had three each. As a natural consequence the attendance of pupils has been more irregular than formerly, and not as many names compared with the whole number appear upon the "Roll of Honor."

We do not speak of this in a tone of discouragement, for perhaps our success in the past three years has been rather exceptional, but if there is any abatement of interest among the friends of education we call upon them to renew their forces and gather up their strength for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
ANNIE L. DOW, Supt. School Com.

